

Action Points from NIFF Meeting via Teams held on the 27th July 2021

The NIFF chair requested that the NIFF secretary call this emergency meeting after receiving many enquires over the previous weekend on any progress made at the Seafood Taskforce meetings regarding supports for the inshore sector. As described in his report from the most recent Taskforce meeting, he wished to discuss and get NIFF views on three issues raised. That is, the proposal in from the pelagic sector for a tie-up scheme for the RSW fleet, the on-going issue of a scheme for the inshore sector and decommissioning.

1. Proposal for RSW pelagic sector tie-up scheme

NIFF Chair briefly outlined the proposal at the taskforce from the RSW pelagic sector (KFO and IFPO) where they were looking for around €600,000 per vessel to tie up for a month due to losses in pelagic quota under the TCA.

Action point. All in agreement that the NIFF chair with assistance from the NRIFF chair put a draft document together for an increase in allocation of mackerel quota for the inshore sector in exchange for support for the proposal for the RSW Pelagic tie – up scheme from the KFO. Once the draft document is ready NIFF secretary to circulate to the NIFF and RIFFs for support before submitting to Seafood Task Force.

2. Support Scheme for the inshore sector

NIFF chair outlined the two recent sub-group meetings with BIM and DAFM and other NIFF and NIFA members to come up with supports for the inshore sector under the Seafood Taskforce.

Action point: NIFF to continue to partake in this sub-group and bring any ideas forward that come in from the NIFF or RIFFs.

3. Decommissioning

NIFF chair explained that decommissioning has been put on hold at the Taskforce for the present time.

Action Point: NIFF chair to keep NIFF and RIFFs updated on progress at the Seafood Taskforce and at the sub-group meetings with BIM, DAFM and Bord Bia.







